

Parnellite Manifesto to the Irish Electors in Great Britain.

THEN AND NOW!

The following manifesto to the Irish voters in Great Britain was on Friday, **November 20th, 1885**, submitted to **Mr. Parnell**, and by him approved and ordered to be circulated:—

TO OUR COUNTRYMEN IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

The Liberal Party are making an appeal to the confidence of the electors at the general election of 1885, as at the election of 1880, on false pretences. . . . We feel bound to advise our countrymen to **place no confidence in the Liberal or Radical party**, and so far as in them lies to prevent the government of the Empire falling into the hands of **a party so perfidious, treacherous, and incompetent**. In no case ought an Irish Nationalist to give a vote, in our opinion, to a member of the Liberal or Radical party, except in some few cases in which courageous fealty to the Irish cause in the last Parliament has given a guarantee that the candidate will not belong to the **servile and cowardly and unprincipled herd that would break every pledge and violate every principle in obedience to the call of the Whip and the mandate of the caucus**. We earnestly advise our countrymen to vote against the men who coerced Ireland, deluged Egypt with blood, menace religious liberty in the school, the freedom of speech in Parliament, and promise to the country generally a repetition of the crimes and follies of the last **Liberal Administration**.

(Signed) T. P. O'CONNOR, President of the Irish National League of Great Britain.

Justin McCarthy, Thomas Sexton, T. M. Healy,
J. E. Redmond, James O'Kelly, J. G. Biggar,
Executive.

On **February 23rd, 1886**, three months later, the following appeared:—

THE NATIONALISTS AND SIR E. J. REED'S RE-ELECTION. (BY TELEGRAPH.)

The following telegram has been received by Dr. Mullin, President of the Cardiff Branch of the Irish National League, from Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., in reference to the election of Sir Edward Reed, as Junior Lord of the Treasury:—

“Westminster Palace Hotel, London.—Executive of the National League respectfully advise the Irish electors of Cardiff to vote to a man for Sir Edward J. Reed, the supporter of **Mr. Gladstone and justice to Ireland**.

“T. P. O'CONNOR, President of the League.”

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